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SUBJECT: CHEMONCIS: CONFUSION CONTINUES

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1. AS USDOC AWARE EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY CONTACTED MINISTRY OF PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON CHEMONICS PROPOSAL FOR A MECHANIZED RICE PROJECT IN GABON. FIRST DISCUSSIONS WERE BETWEEN FUASTIN NTOGOLO, ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSAIRE GENERAL OF PLAN IN MINISTRY OF PLAN AND THURSTON TEELE OF CHEMONICS. NTOGOLO HAS SNCE BEEN TRANSFERRED TOMINISTRY OF MINES.

2. WHEN EMBASSY CALLED JUNE 9 ON NTOGOLOS SUCCESSOR HGOMAH, HE INFORMED US CHEMONICS DOSSIER HAS DISAPPEARED AND WAS PROBABLY LOST WHEN MIN PLAN MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS. NGOMAH ASSURED US HE WOULD SECURE FILE FROM MINAG AND REVIEW IT FOR LATER MEETING WE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11. SINCE MINAG DID NOT PRODUCE DOSSIER UNTIL EMBOFFS WERE IN NGOHMAHS OFFICE ANOTHER MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 18, EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE
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BECAUSE NGOMAH OUT OF TOWN THIS WEEK.

3. IN MEETINGS MENTIONED PARA TWO WITH NGOMAH WE POINTED OUT THAT CHEMONICS WAS TOLD OF APPROVAL OF PROJECT BY MINPLAN BUT THAT NO RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE CONFIRMING THAT APPROVAL CAN BE LOCATED. WE UNDERSTAND MINPLAND AND MINAG HAVE RECEIVED PROPOSALS FOR RICE

PROJECT FROM FRENCH, ITALIAN AND JAPANESE FIRMS. WE STRESSED THAT CHEMONICS PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY IN JULY 1976 AND THAT ORIGINAL APPROVAL SHOULD REMAIN VALID OR , IF NOT, AT MINIMUM CHEMCOICS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON BASIS OF MERIT WHEN COPARED WITH THOSE FROM OTHER COUNTIRES. WE ALSO UNDERLINED CONTINUED INTEREST BY CHEMOICS IN GABON. NGOMAH GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEIGN SYMPATHETIC TO SITUATION, AND WE ARE KEEPING COLLECTIVE FINGERS CROSSED FOR FAVORABLE REPLY LATE THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. TO REDUCE PROBABILITY OF REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF CHEMOICS PROBLEM EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ALL US FIRMS SENDING CONTRACTS OR OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO GOG OFFICIALS AND/OR MINISTRIES PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH DUPLICATE SET WHICH WE WILL RETAIN AND TREAT AS COMMERCIALY PRIVILEGE INFORMATION BUT COULD PROVIDE TO GOG ON MOMENTS NOTICE IN EVENT THEIR COPIES MISPLACE OR LOST. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT ORIGINALS OF ALL SUCH DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS ALSOBE SENT DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY FOR HAND DELIVERY TO APPROPRIATE MINISTRY TO INSURE THEIR RECEIPT.

5. FOR BANAKO: MOST RECENT CORRESPOINDENCE RECEIVED FROM THURSDON TEEL OF CHEMOICS CARE OF AMEMBASSY BAMAKO. IF YOU HAVE ANY WAY OF REACHING HIME, PLEASE ADVISE HIM OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SECURE FINAL DECISION FROM GOG. STEIGMANN

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